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Please Note:

Items for next issue of the Grapevine should be in by April 21.

NATIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR ALLIED NATIONS

Remember to participate in the current clothing drive. See your local newspaper for the collection depot nearest your home...or better still, bring your clothing to the box in the Fourteenth Street lobby.

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Sam Weinberg, S 2/c 961-07-04, U.S.S. L.S.T. 807, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California - Just a line to let you know I was in on the invasion of Iwo Jima. All our work and preparations since leaving the States were for this purpose. Maybe you can understand now why I couldn't say anything up until now, and why I was so busy.

Fortunately, it's over with now and we came out of it OK although it was pretty hot for awhile.

We were the third LST to beach, and were on the beach for 48 hours. We unloaded Marines and equipment. Took on casualties

and transferred them to a hospital ship. Iwo Jima is just 750 miles from Tokyo, and only 610 miles to the closest point of the Japanese mainland.

We were on the beach just a few hundred yards from "Mt. Surubachi" (Hot Rocks) when the Stars and Stripes went up on the highest point. It was a grand sight and brought a cheer from all of us.

Well, that one is over but we still have a few more appointments with our slant-eyed friends, then we'll be home. So keep your fingers crossed. I am. We were sure lucky. Shells were falling all around us while we were there.

(Note - In a more recent letter he said that a picture of their LST, which was taken the day of the invasion, appeared in TIME magazine.)

Cpl. Harry E. Martin, 6th Combat Cargo Sqdn., 2nd Combat Cargo Group, APO 920, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. - After sweating it out for so long I finally made it overseas, and away overseas, too. I am in the Dutch East Indies; it's up off the N. W. tip of New Guinea. You probably know of Combat Cargo operations. We carry high-priority air freight - mostly up into the Philippines. I made one trip down to Darwin, Australia. Darwin is just a town. I expected a city. It looks like the States there, like Virginia around Washington. The more I see of the world, the better I like the States.

My crew brought an airplane over, a very interesting trip...We have movies and

radio program recordings and get the news on a ticker system so it keeps us in touch with what goes on at home, and elsewhere. Have good showers and plenty water. Some Japs in the area, some from on the Island. Having seen how vast the Pacific area is I am amazed at the progress they have made. Oh, we have electricity but no frigidaire, nor electric toasters, nor radio.

Margaret O. Ellefson, SK3c, N.L.F.E.D. Bldg. 78-NAB, San Diego, California - My belated thanks for the Christmas package sent to me by the Club. It didn't reach me until the first week in February but nevertheless I appreciated its arrival.

I still like the Navy Life fine but of course I'm looking forward to my next leave which I hope will be in August.

Our recreation on the Base is really very well planned. We can bowl on Monday and Tuesday. I have been bowling on the Naval Repair Base team. Our movies are always the very latest.

Every issue of the Grapevine is read from cover to cover, so please don't forget me. It's good to read about the friends in FCA.

PFC John K. Smith, 37531075, Co. C. 147th Engineers (C) Bn., APO 339, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York - Somewhere in Holland. I got some more Grapevines the other day and I surely do appreciate them. I really liked the Christmas edition with pictures.

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Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Audit Unit welcomed newcomer Mina Jeffries... Esther Ferguson has returned from an April "snow-bound" trip to Liberal, Kans.... Mildred Hamilton is vacationing with relatives and "friend husband" who is on a furlough... Rae Crim has word from her brother in Italy who is recovering from his fourth wound that he has hopes of a furlough... Down to the farm in the Ozarks near Humansville, Mo., traveled week-endist Olive Russell to see her mother and sister... Sarah Schneider is enjoying a reunion with her family and friends... After spending hours trying to locate a beauty operator with an open appointment book, Eileen Hague departed for Omaha unbeautified.

Cooperative. Leora Welch was called to Oklahoma because of the illness of her mother... Rosalyn Ham entertained Easter time guests from St. Louis... Members of the Central Bank's board of directors gathered in the office for meetings on April 6 and 7.

Economic & Credit Research. The birth of a daughter to Elmore Johnson White in Detroit, former secretary to George Brennan, has made an aunt of Frances Young.

Examination. Dorothy Wilson, for the past year at home in South Dakota, Texas, and

North Carolina, during the Air Corps training of her husband, Lt. Jimmie Wilson, has returned to the division following Jimmie's departure overseas.... Isabel McGinnis had as a week-end guest her sister, Margaret, of Topeka... An honor recently bestowed on Agnes Nemanich was the presidency of the Kansas City Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.... Dorothy Mack has departed for a residence in Texas with her soldier husband following a visit from her mother, Mrs. Joe Hagen, of Fairbury, Ill.... On a recent Saturday evening girls of the division and other friends of Dorothy surprised her at a farewell party in Agnes Nemanich's apartment. Place mats and a corsage of artificial flowers will go with Dorothy to Texas as a parting gift from the girls... Mary Jo Matlick of Ethel, Missouri, is welcomed to the Verification Section of the division.

Finance & Accounts. Mary Walker has returned from a 2 days' visit to Omaha... Lena Kent from Examination Division is on detail in Operating Analysis Section... Fellow employees of Carolyn Sorrell extended surprise birthday greetings to her on March 31... Katherine Stucker has accepted a position with TWA... Caroline Schmidt's sailor brother visited in her office recently... Rowena Moore is vacationing up Chicago way.

General Files. The April gift of the section to the Service Men's Club totaled \$17.50 which was to purchase ice cream. A purchase of soap for the boys during the summer months may be the next

incentive for "cleaning" out our pockets ...Edra Gough has returned to duty following a short illness.

Graphic. Sue Taylor's boy friend, Lt. John Andrick, recently arrived from India, is spending a furlough here.... Rita Nordhus week-ended at Easter time at her home in Seneca, Kans...A guest of Edna Misterek is her mother from Delmont, S. Dak...Don Dillon from Mail Section is on detail as a mimeograph operator.... Bessie Doeman spent a week end in Leavenworth, Kans., where she attended a meeting of officers of the Service Men's Club.

Information & Extension. Catherine Hardy has returned from a hurried trip to her home in Kensington, Md., to visit with her brother before his shipment to California.

Land Bank. Another star was added to the service flag in Commissioner Rhea's office when Andy Morrison departed on April 2 for induction into the Navy... Co-workers presented him with a fitted travel case and fountain pen.

Library. Phoebe Norton and Bernice Nilson each entertained out-of-town guests recently...Wave Elizabeth Ann Egy is now stationed at the Olathe Naval Air Base and living at her home in Kansas City.

Personnel. Travelers on official business include H. Clifford Goodson and Camille Humbrecht who are in St. Louis... Jo Gerdes had as a recent guest her

sister, Frieda, from Omaha...Have you heard? Francis Sayre was caught hoarding peanut brittle in her typewriter... Bill Harris said hello to former co-workers while recently in Kansas City... Emily Kangas is vacationing at her home in Mission, Kans...It was an occasion recently when the Van Leer offspring, John Lawrence, had his first picture taken...Esther Halvorson dropped in with her tiny baby for a visit with former co-workers..We hear that a piano has been added to the Lloyd Johnson household and that "Papa Paderewski" has been practicing in his spare moments...Wanted by Cupid: one refrigerator. Can it be that spring has finally had its effect on the longtime courtship of Margaret Gallagher and Ben Russell and that wedding bells will ring as soon as an apartment is furnished?...Rosemary Dawes attended an Easter Choir party on a recent Wednesday eve...Our sympathy to Coneita Callaway on the recent death of her father...Word has been received that Spar Polly McCoy Wells has been transferred from Florida to the West Coast... Jerry Lloyd, who is anticipating the arrival of her best beau, "the little man," has begun a vacation in the city.

Production Credit. Madeline Brockman journeyed to her home in Junction City, Kans., for a week-end visit with her two soldier brothers...Our sympathy to Homer Smith who was called to Washington, D. C., because of the death of his mother; and also to Evelyn Alberg and her soldier husband on the recent death of his mother.

Purchase & Supply. John Hubble has parted from FCA to accept a position with the Procurement Division of the Treasury in Kansas City...Mary Harris has received word that a friend on duty in France, Howard McCann, has recently received a commission and decoration.

Revolving Fund. Louise Schwendeman spent a week in the "wilds" of Kansas reexploring the old homestead in Solomon and having a long visit with the homefolks.

Solicitor's Office. The conference of the district general counsel was brought to a successful close on April 4 with a dinner at the President Hotel. At that time the play "Farm Credit Romance" was presented and in addition there were several impromptu talks by the visiting counsel...Travelers on official business include E. Anthony who is back in Washington and Abe Goldman who is in Wenatchee, Wash.

Stenographic. Carlotha Wyatt is welcomed to the section...Marjorie Nelson is recuperating from an illness at St. Joseph Hospital...Marian Stolov's cadet nurse sister dropped over from St. Louis for a visit.

Tabulating. From somewhere in the Dutch East Indies comes word that Eleanor Franklin has been chosen "pin-up girl" of the 31st Cav. Recon. troop...A phone call to Carroll Thomson from her fiancé, Frank Nelson, announced that he was back in the States and being sent to Great Lakes Hospital to recover from wounds received on Iwo Jima...Hayes Groo who transferred

from FCA in Salt Lake City has joined our group of tabulating experts.... Gertrude Bukaty's brother, Lt. (J.g.) Francis Bukaty, has arrived home with his new bride for a visit...From the European Theatre of war, Pauline Norton has received her soldier husband's medal of valor...Norma Jeanne Talkington spent a week end visiting her grandparents in Bedford, Iowa...Have you noticed the cute bow ties now worn by Dick "Frankie" Robertson?...Jeanne Gross escaped from the dentist's chair with only the loss of one molar...Helen Riggs is a student of International Business Machines school...Peggy Smyth dreamed that she helped raise the flag on Iwo Jima and now she's known as "GI Peg" to her friends...We think a pair of roller skates might be of assistance to Walter Hein in his travels between Tabulating Unit and Compilation Unit!

Telephone. A surprise visitor, Staff Sgt. Mary McBride of New Bern, N. C., spent a few hours with former co-workers between trains...Pfc. Marie Hanawalt came over from St. Joe to join our group in an evening at the Ice Capades.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Bill Kane, now promoted to Captain, writes from Italy that he keeps in touch with MacWilliams; both are former CR&S men...Frances Lazerow, WAC, stopped by the Washington office on a brief furlough from St. Joseph, Missouri...We hear that Cap Veatch had a regular get-together last week with the following FCA'ers:

Messrs. Fowler, Brewer, Pumphrey, MacNamee, and Plott. Better ask Mr. Veatch what they did for entertainment.

Had a letter from Sgt. Gertrude Grove, WAC, who says: "I've been in France for nearly four months now and like it very much...We are close enough to Paris to get in fairly often...you should be here because it is a photographer's heaven! We WACS are housed in what used to be a normal school and more recently used by the Germans. When we first moved in there were many reminders of the Germans, such as signs, etc., and we are still using a book with German headings to sign in and out...One day last week had a chat with Bill Wilson who is stationed in England but was over here on temp duty for a few days. He had gotten my address from the Grapevine. Also bumped into Harlan Ball once...."

Nell Mellot, SPARS, is now stationed in Alexandria, Virginia, at the Coast Guard Radio Station there. Your reporter had hoped she would get HQ and be at dear old 1300 E Street! - but Alexandria isn't too far away.

EL CLUB VESPERTINO

On the evening of March 28, the members of El Club Vespertino dined in the Mexican atmosphere of Lupe's Restaurant in the Plaza. Besides the members and their patroness, Mrs. Brady, several guests attended. After dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Esgate entertained the entire group in their home. Mr. Esgate showed colored

slides, taken by him, of Mexico, Honduras, Salvador, and Cuba. The Club wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Esgate for a very pleasant evening.

The beginners' classes in Spanish were invited to participate in the program of April 11. Phonograph records of Spanish music and conversation were presented, Jean Sutter sang a solo in Spanish, and everyone present had an opportunity to sing Spanish songs and to participate in a game.

On Wednesday evening, April 25, the club will present a short film with Spanish track entitled Oseznos Traviesos and a color movie in English produced by Walt Disney entitled The Amazon Awakens. The latter film was recently shown by the Farm Credit Club and received much favorable comment.

Mr. E. W. Weeks, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Brotherhood State Bank in Kansas City, Kansas and agent for the Pan American Air Lines, has consented to give a short talk at this meeting on the progress of aviation in the countries along the Amazon River.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Browsing through old records recently a hitherto uncelebrated birthday was discovered - April 12 - the day our Farm Credit Club was organized. The age - 10 years. Its real beginning is shrouded in mystery. The first written record is the minutes of the organization

meeting. Most of the organizers have left Farm Credit, either disappearing in the move to Kansas City, or leaving for other reasons, but some familiar names remain: Julia D. Connor, Carl Colvin, Robert Crim, J. H. Guill. John Fox was the first president.

The club, then as now, adapted its activities and facilities to its members. Dances, riding groups, tennis, golf, bowling, bridge, circulating library, hiking, were enjoyed. Boat trips down the Potomac were headliners.

Discounts on purchases were popular. A large variety of products were sold by the club including cream, butter, and eggs. Girls remember the nylon hose they have purchased. Several classes were sponsored - Spanish, French, Art Appreciation. Highlighting the year's activities, then as now, was the annual Farm Credit Club picnic and, since Kansas City, the Christmas party.

Then came the move to Kansas City. The club assisted with details of the move, such as furnishing cash to make hotel reservations by wire and cooperating in a buying arrangement whereby FCA employees could purchase gas stoves at discount. The Grapevine, the club's first paper, came to life. Once before, in 1936, one issue of a reported club magazine was published. A prize was offered for naming it but inasmuch as it was not continued the prize was not awarded.

Missouri offered no Appalachian trail but resourceful Farm Credit hikers soon

scouted new trails enjoyed by all, including many new members and native Missourians. Bowlers adapted their skill to the new balls.

The activities enumerated have been mostly for enjoyment, but the club has interested itself in the general welfare of the employees.

As the club completes its tenth year in the Heart of America, its many members, past and present, echo - Happy Birthday to You - and many more, whether in the Heart of America or on the shores of the Potomac. (MP)

WAGS AND BOOKS

When the WAGS first met this past year it was decided to donate books to city hospitals. Dorothy Helderstadt, of the Public Library, has been invited to the next regular WAG meeting, April 19, to tell the story of her rounds with a book-cart, as she furnishes bedside service to hospital patients, emphasizing the kinds of books most enjoyed.

An invitation is extended to all Farm Credit employees to join the WAGS in this worthy gesture. Books, new or old, of current interest, suitable for hospital use, are now being collected, and donators may leave their gifts with either Julia Connor, Room 2960, or Phoebe Norton, Room 1406A, as soon as practicable.

Another speaker for the program, "Civic Activities of Interest to Women," under

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Home Service News



Again this week FCA employees proved that they are willing workers on the home front. A call for clerical help from Red Cross headquarters met with complete co-operation from all divisions and sections contacted. As a result more than 1500 letters were processed in spare time, and once more from headquarters we received "thanks, for a job well done."

SERVICE MEN'S NEWS (Continued from page 3)

I am seeing a good part of Europe. I am now in Holland, the windmill country, and I've seen two real Dutch windmills.

I just hear the clock in the steeple strike 7:45 p.m. It strikes every 15 minutes, and it plays pretty music each time. There are a series of different sized bells around the steeple which are tuned so they play music. At night when I am on guard, and everything is quiet that music keeps me company. I really like it.

I haven't gotten around to meeting many Dutch people yet, but I'll get to that tomorrow night. We are going to have a dance tomorrow night. I think it is going to be a nice party...I'll be seeing you and soon I hope.

(Note - With Pvt. Smith's letter was a copy of the Presidential Unit Citation received by the 147th Engineer Combat Battalion for "outstanding performance of duty in action.")

FARM CREDIT CLUB ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

It is hereby requested that you reserve the night of April 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 to attend the annual spring dance at the President Hotel.

Kenneth White and his orchestra (same as at the Christmas dance, only bigger and better) promise to be the smoothest (and hottest for you jitterbugs) in town. Among the celebrities present will be you, you, and of course, you.

Tickets may be obtained from your contact committeeman for only 75¢ but you are invited to bring your G.I. friends as guests (free, for nothing).

WAGS AND POOMS (Continued from page 8)

the leadership of Hester Waters, will be Myrtes Marie Plummer, a Kansas City writer, who will speak on "Women Authors." Miss Plummer is instructor of the FCA Creative Writing class.

Two WAG members, Frances Young and Verna Brewer will also appear on the program, which will be held at Mrs. Cook's Tea Room, 4001 South Warwick Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. All FCA women are cordially invited. The price of the dinner is 85¢ plus tax. For reservations call Ruth McMann, F&A Typing Unit.

Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST by Richard Dana, Jr.

YOU CAN'T STOP LIVING by Fern Rives

A TOUCH OF GLORY by Frank Slaughter

OBSEQUIES AT OXFORD by Edmund Chrispin

ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT by Grace Livingston Hill

THOUGH THEY GO WANDERING by Nona Coxhead

HOW NEVER TO BE TIRED by Marie Ray

THE VOYAGE by Charles Morgan

BLONDES DON'T CRY by Merlda Mace

NEVER LET ME GO by Gale Wilhelm

BUFFALO COAT by Carol Brink

DANGER IN PARADISE by Octavus Cohen

AGE OF THUNDER by Frederick Prokosch

THE PHILADELPHIA MURDER STORY by Leslie Ford

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NOON CONCERT BY CHORUS ON APRIL 18

The Women's Choral Group will sing the following numbers at 12:45 p.m. in room 1345-E on Wednesday, April 18:

Shubert's "Ave Maria," "A Heart That's Free," "Amor" (in Spanish), and "The Owl." For half an hour preceding the choral singing, the phonograph will play famous arias from favorite operas.

The Chorus has been invited to sing at the Pan-American Day program to be held at Guadalupe Center on April 20 under the auspices of the Inter-American Institute of Kansas City. Farm Credit employees wishing to attend should call Isabel McGlinch for further details.

HOBBY SHOW DATES SET

The Farm Credit Club's third annual hobby show will be held in room 2203 on May 22, 23, and 24. Landon Porter, Chairman of the Hobby Show committee, announced this week.

Assisting "Boots" will be Bonny Perry, Tom Pritchard, Dick Robertson, Francis Sayre, John Kennedy, Carrietta Rech, and Bill Holman.

Prizes will be given in each of the three groups: Photographs, Handiwork, and Collections.

Entry blanks and other information will be forthcoming.

Judges of the election will be E. Anthony, Katherine Delany, and F. D. Van Sant. (LP)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Corporal John F. Kearney, 33741885 Hq. Sq., AAF, IBT (AAD) APO 671, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

ATTENTION MEN GOLFERS

Men interested in FCA tournament golf should contact Kenny Light immediately as plans for the annual spring match play tournament are under way.

Sportlight

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Examination*	51	39	64,342
Graphic*	51	39	62,783
Field Accounting	49	41	65,020
Short Term	48	42	61,923
Reports	46	44	68,594
Land Bank	45	45	67,124
Caps	37	53	60,912
Accounts	33	57	56,459

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H I G	Ganley	256	H T G	Reports	908
H I S	Dahill	612	H T S	Land Bank	2,479

AVERAGES

Hein	165-33	Jacomet	163-38	Olson	160-46
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*Since Examination and Graphic tied for first place by reason of games won and lost, first and second place prize money will be divided between both teams, unless both teams agree to a roll-off.

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Legal	52	38	53,619
Examination	51	39	54,464
Personnel	48	42	54,649
Audit	45	45	52,519
Reports	44	46	54,364
F & A	44	46	52,693
Purchase	43	47	50,562
Graphic	33	57	47,458

RECORDS

H T G	Examination	736	H I G	Clark	211
H T S	Personnel	2,096	H I S	Clark	528

AVERAGES

Ross	143	McGee	141
Clark	142	Kehres	139

HIKERS ENJOY STEAK ROAST

Farm Credit hikers spent Sunday, April 8, hiking in the wooded area south of the Pratt and Whitney plant. Splashed with red bud, hawthorn (Missouri's State flower), violets, and fawn lilies, the hillsides were unusually colorful. Rocky streams and stone fences added to the beauty and enhanced the superb view obtained from the top of the ridge.



After a 4-mile hike from Dodson, the hungry hikers stopped at the picnic grounds at Red Bridge farm where they soon had



steaks roasting and potatoes frying on the fireplace. The natural spring, totem pole, and swan lake made this a charming place to lunch. Reluctant to leave, the well-fed hikers tarried a time after lunch but finally finished the day with a 4-mile walk back to the car line.

Dorothy Dick led the hike and Hoyt Elkins transported the supplies and utensils. Other hikers included Betty Barnhart, Helen Baughman, Olive Boylan, Ruth Clayton, June Foster, John Kennedy, Agnes Nemanich, Mary Nolz, Marie Puhr, Paul Rapp, and Jean Sutter. (MP)

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS HIKE ON APRIL 29

Farm Credit hikers will visit Excelsior Springs on Sunday, April 29. The program includes a hike through the grounds of the Hotel Elms over Siloam Mountain to Lake Maurer for lunch. After lunch the group will walk back leisurely to the Hall of Waters for a dip in the swimming pool.

Group will meet at Union Bus Terminal in the Pickwick Hotel at 10:45 a.m. Round trip fare costs \$1.58. Returning to Kansas City, the bus will leave at 5:00 p.m. For further information call Marie Puhr, leader of the hike.

Bring a steak or some franks to broil at Lake Maurer's outdoor fireplace. Also bring a bathing suit if you plan to swim in the pool at the springs.

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DON'T FORGET THE SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE!!

COME ON -- PLAY BALL!

Any men interested in playing softball this summer should contact Bob Yorkdale, ext. 194.

BRIDGE NOTES

The final bridge tournament of the season ended April 3. Ellis Batten won top honors with a score of 22,320. Julia Connor came in second with 19,240, and Evelyn Gibson took "show" with 19,070. Cash prizes were awarded the three highest scoring players.

Donald Moore, Dorothy O'Bryan, Mary Nolz, Alice Snuffer, and Ella Wells were the lucky winners of door prizes. A surprise treat of homemade candy was also enjoyed by all.

As Chairman of the Bridge Committee, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their splendid cooperation in helping to make the past season a very successful one. (LCM)

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"Were you excited when you first asked your husband for money?"

"Oh, no, I was calm - and collected."

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A panhandler was seen standing on the corner holding a hat in each hand. A stranger approaching asked what was the idea of two hats. The bum grinned: "Business has been so good that I've opened a branch office."